

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 12/22/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11-14.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Allowable Subject Matter

New claims 11-14 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to new claims 11-12, the cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the arrangement of a cover support structure including a case main body having a back plate; and a cover having an upper plate and two side plates, wherein one of said side plates of said cover has a first slit groove formed therein and said upper plate has a cut therein at a side thereof of the other of said two side plates of said cover so as to form a support plate extending downwardly, said support plate having a second slit groove formed therein so as to open rearwardly; and said first slit groove and said second slit groove are arranged to be positioned to be positionable to mesh with said back plate of said case main body in an open position of said cover to support and maintain said cover in an upright position so that said cover is prevented from turning downward in the open position thereof.

With respect to new claim 13, the cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the arrangement of a cover support structure including a case main body having two side plates and back plate, and a cover having an upper plate and two side plates, wherein each of said side plates of said case main body has an engagement groove formed in a protrusion protruding outward of said side plates of said main case body, each said engagement groove opening upward, and each of said side plates of said cover has a cylindrical projection protruding outward therefrom and fitted in a respective said engagement groove of said case main body, and wherein said

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cover is supportable in an upright position with a rear of said upper plate of said cover maintaining contact with said back plate of said case main body when said cover is opened.

With respect to new claim 14, the cited prior art does not disclose, teach or suggest, alone or in combination, the arrangement of a cover support structure including a case main body having two side plates and back plate, and a cover having an upper plate and two side plates, wherein each of said side plates of said case main body has an elongated circular projection formed therein, and each of said side plates of said cover has an engagement groove formed therein so as to open rearward or downward, each said engagement groove having a respective said elongated circular projection fitted therein, and said cover is maintained upright by engagement between each said engagement groove and a respective said elongated circular projection in the vertical condition of said cover.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adolfo Nino whose telephone number is (571) 272-1981. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30-5:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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